



# *The* INFORMANT

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January 2013

**Airman & Family Readiness Center**—Front Desk — 257-3592 -- All classes are in classroom 244, Bldg. 2, Area A, unless otherwise noted.

## **Family Services**

Family Services exists to assist military members and their families by assisting them in numerous ways. 1. Family Services provides assistance to troops and their families experiencing financial difficulties after they have seen and Airman and Family Readiness technician and all military relief organizations have been exhausted. 2. Family Services provides support with furniture needs through the Airman's Attic which is for E-4's and below. 3. The Loan Closet can loan, free of charge basic household items for short term use for anyone holding DoD ID. The closet's PRIMARY USE is for PCS moves. 4. Another way Family Services assist our troops is through Grocery Assistance and the Pantry. Grocery assistance is done on a case by case basis. Items available through the pantry are non food items for personal hygiene. 5. Operation Stork provides layettes to all newborns at WPAPB, delivering them twice weekly to the base hospital. For more information call (937) 257-2910.

## **The Discovery Room**

The A&FRC Discovery Room (DR) is your source for finding your future! Equipped with four Smart Card accessible computers and printers (three non-Smart Card computers are available in the A&FRC lobby), the DR has everything you need for conducting your job search. The DR also features a vast listing of current job openings provided by local employers, books which can be signed out to enhance your knowledge of: Career Planning, Interviewing, Conducting Job Searches, Life Strategies, Military Life, Spouse Employment, Resume Writing, and Transition. The Staff at the A&FRC will also assist you in all areas concerning discovering and making a brighter future a reality. Hours of operation are: Mon – Fri, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## **Military Family Life Consultant \*\*\*Note New Phone Number\*\*\***

The Military Family Life Consultant (MFLC) program provides non-medical short-term, situational, problem-solving counseling services to address issues that occur across the military lifestyle and help service members and their families cope with normal reactions to stressful and often adverse situations created by deployments and reintegration. MFLC provides outreach services that expand capabilities to address needs of Airmen and their families and can be a bridge to other services available on or off base. This program is free and totally anonymous; no records are kept. Call **937-716-6720** to schedule an appointment.

## **Personal Financial Readiness**

All services are available on a walk-in basis. Please bring any financial documents (LES, bank statements, bills, etc) that are relevant to your specific financial situation. They can assist with the following: setting financial goals, budgets, credit management, investment basics, Air Force Aid Emergency Assistance, and referrals. We are happy to assist you however possible so please do not hesitate to ask. **Please bring in your LES, bank statement, bills, etc. when you come in for assistance** as it will enable the staff to provide you with a more accurate assessment of your needs.

## **Air Force Aid Society**

HQ AFAS has implemented a new On-line Emergency Assistance Application process when applying for a Standard or Falcon Loan. All Air Force Active Duty/Spouse, Retired, ANG/AF Reserves, Widow/Widower with internet access and an email address will be able to apply for AFAS assistance using the new AFAS Online Application by registering & completing the application. Once you've completed the online application, please come in to the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Bring all necessary documentation (LES, Rent receipt, Utility bill, Repair invoice, etc.) to process the application.

<https://my.afas.org/memberportal/Login/Login.aspx>

## **Employment Services**

The Airman and Family Readiness Center offers a Career Focus Program for military spouses, active duty members and their dependants, as well as DOD civilians. Services include job application and resume assistance, job referrals, career counseling and planning, interview preparation, educational information, and career/ personal development work-shops. A resource room with personal computers and a job vacancy referral board are also available. No appointment is necessary.

## **HOT!!!!**

## **Disabled Americans Vet Representative**

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) has provided a full time position to the Airman and Family Readiness Center to assist transitioning military members with filing for a service-connected disability claim with Veteran's Affairs. Please contact Mr John Steele at (937) 656-0947 for question or to schedule an appointment.



### Volunteer to Make a Difference

Volunteering is a fantastic way to make a difference in your military and local communities. . If you are not already involved in some form of volunteer effort and would like some guidance in getting started, or to determine where your talents could be best utilized, give us a call.

### Relocation Assistance

RELOCATION – Ready Set Move! Airman & Family Readiness Center provides incoming and outgoing relocation services to the Total Force, which includes civilians, and contractors who are relocating within the continental U.S. (CONUS) or outside the continental U.S. (OCONUS). Whether you're moving overseas or across the country, you'll want to get to know your new community outside the gate. Call or stop in for more information.

### Federal Resume Writing

The resume writing course focuses on the unique and sometimes confusing world of federal job applications and resumes. This class will provide with the necessary tools to make your resume and application complete and competitive. Class is scheduled for 23 January and 20 February. The time for the workshops is 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Call to Register.

### Big Brothers & Big Sisters

If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, or if you would just like to learn more about the program. Miami Valley BBBS will be giving two Info Seminars on 23 January. 11:00am - 12:30pm. & 5:00 - 6:30pm.

### Private Sector Resume Writing

Are you looking to the private sector for your employment endeavors or simply preparing for the future. This workshop will give you the necessary guidance on how to prepare an effective civilian resume for your job search. 22 January from 11:00am - 1:00pm.

### Bundles for Babies

Are you an expectant parent? Then this workshop is a must. Open to both active duty and their spouse or significant other. You will receive information on the Pediatric Clinic, New Parent programs, Family Day Care and more. Workshop date will be 21 February, from 1:30-4:15p.m. Please call to sign up.

### Heart Link

Are you a new Air Force spouse? Being thrust into a new environment can be challenging. It can leave you feeling unsure of what's available or where to go. Are you a spouse that would like a "Good" Refresher on military customs? Come join our Team at the Airman & Family Readiness Center for a Fun Filled day with information! 16 January, 17 April, 17 July and 16 October, From 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in Room 244, Bldg 2.

### "E" Sponsorship Training/Sponsorship Training

*Sponsorship training is required for anyone be assigned as a sponsor.* All of the resources for training and post training tools and information are available through this online resource. "E" Sponsorship Application & Training: <http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/esat>. The online application provides: registration for you and your newcomer---training and certificate for your files---Sponsorship Duty Checklist---Newcomer and Family Needs Assessment---Congratulations and Welcome Letter templates and packages---links to important DoD and service moving websites.

### Transition Assistance Program (TAP)

The course will run Monday thru Friday and will incorporate the DD Form 2648. The curriculum will vary based upon the needs assessment conducted during the first day of the program. TAP will be held in the A&FRC Classroom 244, Bldg 2, Area A, GATE 1A unless you have been notified otherwise. The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop is designed to assist our military transition into the civilian workforce. Discussions will cover resume writing, interviewing skills, job search, and more. Whether you are retiring or separating this class is geared to your needs. **Our classes fill up fast, so call early to reserve your seat.** ALL October classes are full at this time. Dates for the Upcoming dates 5 day Mandatory TAP's are 7-11, 14-18 and 28 January thru 01 February, 4-8, 11-15 February and 25 February - 01 March. The classes run from Monday-Friday and begin at 7:30am.

### Reunion & Reintegration

R & R classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday, with the exception of Holidays. R&R starts at 7:30a.m. in the A&FRC classroom. No registration required. R&R is mandatory for all returning deployers.

### Smooth Move

PCSing? Our next Smooth Move classes is scheduled for 24 January, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Building 2, Area A.



If you are caring for a dementia or Alzheimer loved one and need to join a support group who understands your unique needs, we here in the Airman & Family Readiness Center have begun a support group for you. We meet the first Thursday of every month, Bldg. 2, Airman & Family Readiness Center, 1700-1830. Please call 257-3592 to sign up.



## 2013 BBB Hosted Personal Financial Readiness Classes

The Airman & Family Readiness Center and your Better Business Bureau have teamed up to bring the following personal financial readiness classes for all Military members, DoD civilians, retirees and their dependants. Most classes will be held during the lunch timeframe and located in the Airman & Family Readiness Center, classroom 244. Great handouts and information will be available. Bring your brown-bag lunch and join us!

### Planning Your Retirement at Any Age

**June 7 and November 15 11:00am-1:00pm**

Retirement may seem a long way off or maybe you are hoping it is just around the corner. Investing in the proper tools early can make all the difference. Attend this briefing and get the information you need on resources like special military retirement programs, Thrift Savings Plans, IRAs, 401(k) plans and much more!

### Identity Theft: Schemes, Scams & Being a Smart Consumer

**February 19, July 19 and December 16 11:00am-1:00pm**

If you have ever wondered if an advertised offer was too good to be true, this is the briefing for you. Join us in a captivating discussion on protecting yourself from identity thieves and other scammers targeting you in various ways. You will walk away equipped with the resources to protect your good name!

### Buying Your Home

**March 20, Aug 7 and November 1 11:00am-1:00pm**

One of the biggest investments you will ever make is your home. However, the home buying process can be an overwhelming experience with long contracts, fine print, banks, and realtors. Buy with confidence and avoid losing your home by arming yourself with the power of knowledge. Attend this briefing and walk away with renewed confidence.

### Understanding Your Credit Report & Score

**January 25, April 19 and September 20 11:00am-1:00pm**

Have you ever actually read the small print of a credit application? And, how does all of the information in your credit report impact your credit? Get the answers to many of your credit questions and arm yourself with the tools to protect your good name at this briefing. Plus, military attendees can find out how to get their credit score for free!

### Teen Smart

**May 24 and October 18 From 5:00-6:30pm (evening class)**

It is never too early for teens to learn about financial responsibility. And, the tools in this workshop are designed with your teen in mind. Teen Smart is an interactive class enabling teens to discuss credit, cell phones and contracts, smart money choices and even identity theft. You teen will not want to miss this. Not to mention – Pizza is on the menu!

### Deployed Spouses Support Group

Is your spouse deployed or about to deploy? Regardless of whether this is your 1st or 10th deployment, this forum is for you so don't miss out; contact us NOW to reserve your spot! Open discussion with other deployed spouses. Education! Information! Connect with others going through the "Same Thing at the Same Time!" The next scheduled meetings of the DSSG will be 31 January and 28 February, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

### Families of Deployed Warriors Bowling

Get out and knock some pins down. For the families of our deployed warriors, this monthly event is held at the Kittyhawk Lanes. You get two games of bowling, shoes and your choice of pizza and a drink for only \$5.50, or a hotdog, fries and a drink for \$5. Upcoming dates for deployed bowling are as follows: 19 January and 16 February, from 5:30 to 7:30p.m. at the Kittyhawk Lanes.

***Please contact the front desk at 257-3592 if you plan on attending.***

### School Liaison Officer (SLO)

Wright-Patt's School Liaison Officer is available full-time at the Airman & Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 2, Area A, Room 239. The SLO coordinates and assists school-aged children and youth of base military families with educational opportunities and information necessary to achieve academic success. \*\*For more information, contact the School Liaison Officer at 656-0942.

### Exceptional Family Member Program - Family Support

This program is designed to give information to military families with members in need of special assistance. The EFMP Coordinator provides resources from local, state/county, and federal agencies, both educational and medical to accommodate the special needs member and their family. Please contact the EFMP Coordinator at 656-0946 for more information. No appointment is necessary.

### Bowling for Exceptional Children

EFMP families will be able to get together and enjoy a game of bowling every Saturday beginning 12 January and run for 8 weeks. It will be held weekly with the exception of holiday weekends. Location: At the Kittyhawk Bowling Center from 11:00am - 12:30pm. \$5/child, includes one game of bowling, shoe rental, lunch and a fountain drink.







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 Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:30pm Closed Sat, Sun & Federal Holidays

# January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 -R&R 0730-0900 -Alzheimer Support Group 1700-1830	4	5
5	7 -5 Day TAP Workshop 0730-1630  -FTAC Financial 1200-1600	8 -R&R 0730-0900 -5 Day TAP Workshop 0730-1630	9 -5 Day TAP Workshop 0730-1630	10 -R&R 0730-0900 -5 Day TAP Workshop 0730-1630	11 -5 Day TAP Workshop 0730-1630	12 -EFMP Bowling 1100-1230
13	14 -5 Day TAP Workshop 0730-1630	15 -R&R 0730-0900 -5 Day TAP Workshop 0730-1630	16 -5 Day TAP Workshop 0730-1630 -Heart Link 0800-1500  -Informed Decisions 0830-0900	17 -R&R 0730-0900 -5 Day TAP Workshop 0730-1630  -Newcomers Orientation 0730-1130	18 -5 Day TAP Workshop 0730-1630	19 -EFMP Bowling 1100-1230 -Deployed Bowling 1730-1930
20	21	22 -R&R 0730-0900 -Private Sector Resume Writing 1100-1300	23 -Big Brothers/Sisters 1100-1230 -Federal Resume 1300-1500 -Big Brothers/Sisters 1700-1830	24 -R&R 0730-0900 -Smooth Move 1400-1600	25 -Understanding Credit Reports and Scores 1100-1300	26 -EFMP Bowling 1100-1230  -New Key Spouse Training 0900-1500
27	28 -5 Day TAP Workshop 0730-1630	29 -R&R 0730-0900 -5 Day TAP Workshop 0730-1630	30 -5 Day TAP Workshop 0730-1630	31 -R&R 0730-0900 -5 Day TAP Workshop 0730-1630 -Deployed Spouse Support Group 1730-1930		

All Classes are held in Area A, Bldg 2 unless noted (ex. Area B). For more information on any A&FRC event and to reserve a spot for all activities and classes, please call us at 257-3592.



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